Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether any paper is pending with the Government for the separation of these two departments ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: The Government has no paper pending ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The departments have been separated already ; no papers pending.

PANCHAYAT DIRECTOR, Mr. GEORGE ATTOKARAN

4. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Panchayat Director formerly seniormost Assistant Engineer has been allowed a lien for the Chief Engineer's post when it falls vacant ;

(*b*) was it due to want of proper persons to be appointed as the Panchayat Director that the present incumbent has been appointed to the post ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) He does not lose his lien on account of his appointment as Director of Panchayats, and it has been ordered that due consideration should be given to the claims of Mr. George Attokaran when any vacancy occurs in the Chief Engineer's post.

(*b*) He was found to be a proper person for appointment as Director of Panchayats. Therefore Government was pleased to appoint him.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vädakkancheri)*: Will the Government be pleased to realise that.....

Mr. President: Order, Order, that is not the form of a question, "Will the Government be pleased to realise" is not a question ; the question should be put with the object of obtaining information.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I will adjust, Sir. Will the Government be pleased to say, as the Government has said that due consideration would be given when a future vacancy of the Chief Engineer arose, whether it is not a case of divided attention of an officer of the Panchayat Department, and hence the efficiency of that department will be affected.

Mr. President: Let me interpose and say that "lien" is not "promise" ; it does not imply a promise.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Because he does not lose his lien, may I know whether the officer concerned has not got a right to think that he at least has got a chance of getting that post when that falls vacant ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*): Every officer aspires for promotion ; he can think like that ; we can't prevent him thinking.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: When a lien is ordered in the making of an appointment, is it not the practice of the Government that their orders are respected by putting into practice the lien that is ordered by them ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: It is so.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: In the light of "it is so", may I know whether it is not desirable or even necessary to have an officer as a Director of Panchayats. with undivided attention ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: Even now his attention is absolutely undivided. The question comes up only when the vacancy of the Chief Engineer arises.

Mr. M. I. Paul *(Narakkal)*: May I know what the technical qualifications for the Panchayat Director are ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: One important qualifications so far as I think is engineering qualification.

Mr. M. I. Paul *(Narakkal)*: What are the constituents of a Panchayat in a village ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I have not understood the question.

Mr. M. I. Paul *(Narakkal)*: What are the duties to be done in a Panchayat in a village ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: In a Panchayat ?

Mr. M. I. Paul *(Narakkal)*: Yes.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: By the Director of Panchayts ?

Mr. M. I. Pual *(Narakkal)*: Yes.

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Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: He has got to supervise the work of the Panchayats.

Mr. M. I. Paul *(Narakkal)*: May I know whether his supervising is mainly connected with engineering skill?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: That is the major portion of the work.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether there is not an Assistant Engineer in the Panchayat Department specially for this purpose?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know if one officer is not sufficient to cope with the work in the Department?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The Director of Panchayats has also to supervise the works and if he happens to be an engineer it is all the more better.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam)*: Is it the position of the Government that hereafter only persons with engineering qualification will be appointed to the post?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Certainly not.

Mr. Joseph C. Chirayath *(Nellayi)*: Do the Government think that an engineer cannot be an administrator also?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Government think an engineer can be an administrator.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the engineering work of the Panchayat Department are not allowed to be super-checked by the Chief Engineer.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: In capital works over Rs. 5,000, the Chief Engineer checks in the P.W.D.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is it the opinion of the Government that works of Rs. 5,000 cannot be effectively checked and controlled by the Assistant Engineer?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Up to Rs. 5,000 it is being checked; over Rs. 5,000, the Chief Engineer checks in the P.W.D.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Then where is the necessity of an engineer who could very well aspire to become the Chief Engineer and shine as such?

Mr. Parambi Lonppen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: For greater efficiency.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether I can have an answer to question (*b*); my question is: 'was it due to want of proper persons to be appointed as the Panchayat Director that the present incumbent has been appointed'.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: He was found to be a proper person and therefore Government appointed him.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: My question is: was it due to the fact that nobody else was available, that he was appointed.

Mr. President. The Hon'ble Member is altering his question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I do not follow, Sir.

Mr. President. The Hon'ble Member is changing the form of his question now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Certainly not, Sir. I only read the question.

Mr. President. The Hon'ble Member's last question was different from what appear on paper.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: The difference is there, between the question and the answer; there is no answer to the question.

Mr. President. Order, order. I am not arguing with the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether there was not any non-engineering officer in the State to be posted as the Director of Panchayats?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The Government considered him to be the best at that moment.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: We are helpless, Sir.

മിസ്റ്റർ. പി.നാരായണമേനോൻ: മെഡിക്കൽ കോളിഫിക്കേഷൻ ഉള്ളവർ പഞ്ചായത്ത് ഡയറക്ടരുടെ ജോലിക്ക് യോജിച്ചവരാണോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ: പഞ്ചായത്തും ഹെൽത്തും വേർതിരിച്ചുകഴിഞ്ഞു. മെഡിക്കൽ കോളിഫിക്കേഷൻ ഉള്ളവർക്ക് പബ്ലിക്ക് ഹെൽത്താണ് നല്ലത്.

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മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ: അങ്ങിനെയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ഇല്ലെങ്കിൽ ഇതിനു മുമ്പിലത്തെ ഡയറക്ടരുടെ യോഗ്യതയെന്തായിരുന്നു?

TANK FOR PATTANCHERI VILLAGE

5. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how far has the Government progressed in giving a tank for bathing purposes to Pattancheri, Chittur Taluk since last Council meeting;

(*b*) if no progress, will they be pleased to say whether there is any idea to fulfil this old promise to satisfy this long-felt want?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) A new site for the tank has been selected. The land acquisition and the execution of the work are kept in abeyance for want of sufficient allotment.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of (*a*) above.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: Will Government be pleased to see that it is taken up in 1121?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: We have not provided for 1121. We have provided only for carrying out unexecuted works that have been already started.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: On a point of information, Sir. The Minister here speaks about a new site. Does he mean that an old site has already been selected and if so, whether, it has been abandoned?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The old site is abandoned and a new site is selected.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: But the Hon'ble Minister did not refer to any old site. Has it been selected and abandoned?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: It has been abandoned.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: May I know why no allotment was made?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: An allotment was made in the previous year, but that lapsed for want of sufficient funds to carry out the work.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: Now that this site has been selected, was any allotment made?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The amount was not sufficient to meet the land acquisition charges.

STAFF SELECTION BOARD ENQUIRY COMMITTEE

6. Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunittura)*: Will Government be pleased to answer.—

(*a*) when was the Staff Selection Board Enquiry Committee appointed;

(*b*) did the Committee submit any report;

(*c*) if not, what are the reasons for the delay?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) On 20th November 1944.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The Committee's work has not been finished.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ഈ കമ്മറിയുടെ വർക്ക് എന്നേക്ക് അവസാനിക്കുമെന്നാണ് വിചാരിക്കേണ്ടത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ മേനോൻ: കഴിയുന്നിടത്തോളം വേഗം അവസാനിക്കും. അടുത്ത ചിങ്ങം ഫ്രാംതു ഒരു മീറിംഗുകൂടി വെച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതിനുശേഷമെ റിപ്പോർട്ട് ഡ്രാഫ്ട് ചെയ്യുകയുള്ളൂ.

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